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Happy Return,

OR
An Account of his Grace the Duke of

MONMOUTH'S

Surrendring Himself

(After his long Absconding) to the Secretary of State at the Secretaries Office in White-Hall, on Saturday the 24th. of this Instant November.

HIS Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, upon Notice of his being Impeached as a Party concerned in the late Design, in order to a Rising, &c. having withdrawn himself, as not supposing it safe or convenient at that time, to behold the angry Frowns of Incensed Majesty, but rather suffer Displeasure to wait, that Paternal Compassion might in some measure return, and Relenting Goodness, Pity the frailties of his Youth, & accept of his unfeigned Submission and Sincere Repentance for his unadvised Rashness, in suffering himself to be drawn into so many ill Conveniences displeasing to his Father and Sovereign, nor did he altogether fail in his Expectation, for his most Sacred Majesty, that Fountain of never failing Pity and Compassion, taking his deplorable Condition into his Princely Consideration, and being moved by the Incessant Prayers and humble Supplications of the Dutches of *Monmouth*, &c. out of his Inate kindness and tender thoughts, notwithstanding a Proclamation Commanding the Duke to Surrender himself, and 500 l. for any that should seize him, and

and upon his not Surrendring, Process upon a Bill of Indictment, in order to an Out-Lawry, being made. His Majesty, as the first Token of his Relenting, caused the Proceedings to be stayed when the said Out-lawry was about to be entred up, of which as 'tis supposed, the Duke being advertised by his Friends and Well-willers, and receiving some other Incouragements, resolved no longer to Abscond, but Voluntarily, to lay himself at his Fathers Feet and prevent any farther trouble in searching after him, whereupon he on the 24th Instant, contrary to the expectation of most Men, came from the place of his Abode in a Chair, and carryed by two hired Men, passed through the Centries undiscovered of any till he came into the Secretaries Office, declairing his Intence to lay himself at his Majesties Feet and wholly rely on his Mercy, expressing much sorrow for offending or Displeasing so good a Father and Gracious Sovereign, or to this effect, shewing both in his Countenance and Gesture much Contrition and a Deep Sense of his Failings, Answering with much humility to such Interrogatories as were put to him, when having continued there some time, His Majesty and Royal Highness came thither, whereupon, he was Commanded to his own Lodgings in the Cockpit, there to continue till further Orders, not without hopes of obtaining Forgiveness and Recovering his Majesties Favour by his present Submission and future Obedience and Service. On the 25th Instant the Council Sat, before whom it was expected by many, that the Duke would be Conveyed, but as yet we do not hear he has been before that August Assembly.

And as for the Duke, his Majesty might in some measure return, and Relenting Goodness, Pity the frailties of his Youth, accept of his unassigned Submission and sincere Repentance for his unadvised Rashness, and draw him into the many ill Consequences attending to his Father and Sovereign, nor did he altogether fail in his expectation, for his most Sacred Majesty, that Fountain of never failing Pity and Compassion, taking the Duke into his Princely Consideration, and being moved by the Instant Prayers and humble supplications of the Dukes of Monmouth, &c. out of his innate kindness and tender thoughts notwithstanding a Proclamation Commanding the Duke to surrender himself, did not think fit to

ENTRED according to Order.

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